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For: RELAYING APPARATUS FOR USE IN A NETWORK SYSTEM

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed March 25, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on June 25, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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